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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Registration Caribou Hunt RC501 to Open in Portions of Units 17A and 17C**

(DILLINGHAM) – Registration caribou hunt RC501 will open in portions of Game Management Units 17A and 17C by emergency order (04-05-16) on August 1, 2016.

The announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, includes the federal hunt area (FC1702) traditionally closed to all but residents of seven Bristol Bay villages. The season for that portion of RC501 on the Nushagak Peninsula south of the Igushik River, Tuklung River and the Tuklung Hills, west to Tvativak Bay will open from August 1 through September 30, 2016. The remainder of the RC501 hunt area is scheduled to remain open through March 31, 2017.

The bag limit under the RC501 hunt is two caribou. Hunters are reminded that only two caribou per regulatory year can be taken under a state permit in Unit 17. Permits will be available online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> or in person at department offices in Anchorage, Bethel, Dillingham, Fairbanks, Homer, King Salmon, Palmer, and Soldotna.

The following regulations apply to this hunt:

- Hunters can harvest two caribou of any sex.
- Hunters must have a separate permit for each caribou.
- The season will open at 12:01 a.m. on August 1.
- Hunters must abide by all conditions listed on the permit, including reporting hunting effort and harvest.

Open areas under the RC501 permit beginning on August 1 include:

- GMU 17A, all drainages that terminate east of Right Hand Point.
- GMU 17C, west of the east banks of the Wood River, Lake Aleknagik, Agulowak River, Lake Nerka, and the Agulupak River; this area is referred to as “17(C) remainder” in the Alaska hunting regulations.

**Reminder:** For that portion of the Nushagak Peninsula south of the Igushik River, Tuklung River and Tuklung Hills west to Tvativak Bay, the RC501 permit is only valid August 1-September 30, 2016.

See a hunt map at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=hunting.largehuntmap&sp=caribou&hunt=rc501>. For questions or specific information on lands open to caribou harvest in the RC501 hunt, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham at (907) 842-2334 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, at (907) 842-1063.

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